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and much,
much more!

As I write this column, April Fools Day is well underway. So far, I have survived without any significant hijinks. I hope that your day went as well.

Several operating events are upcoming this month. Of local interest here in Allen County is the ACARTS VHF/UHF Simplex Contest; this event is being held on the evening of Saturday, April 19th. Information is included in this edition of the Allen County HamNews. Starting earlier on the 19th is the Michigan QSO Party (see the MIQP website for more information at http://www.miqp.org).

Please mark your calendar for the Indiana QSO Party (INQP) on Saturday, May 3rd. Check out the column from Steve W9SAN about local efforts to participate in this annual event. Whether you are wanting to set a new record or just have some fun, the INQP is your opportunity! More information on the INQP will be included in next month's edition of HamNews.

This month's Skywarn update from Jay W9LW is a reminder of the potential for severe weather in this part of the state. During severe weather, please be safe and stay tuned to the National Weather Service and to the Skywarn net on the 146.88 repeater for more information.

Our next local and in-person VE session will be held at 10am at Indiana Tech. A flier for this event is also included in this edition. Note that our VE team does not charge a fee for first-time examinees (who are not licensed), courtesy of one of our local clubs.

Next month I will include an ARRL update. This update should include exciting developments from a few different areas.

Over the years, I have envisioned the amateur radio hobby as a disco ball. At first glance, this might seem like an odd analogy (especially since disco is from before my time). However, just as a disco ball is made up of many small pieces of mirrors, amateur radio is multifaceted. Whether you have been a die-hard contester for decades or are someone who generally enjoys talking on a local FM repeater, there is so much more within the hobby to discover. Enjoy the best hobby in the world for a lifetime!

I hope to catch you on the air during one of the upcoming QSO parties!

73,

Josh, W9HT/VE9FWA

ALLEN COUNTY HAMNEWS

HamNews is a monthly, joint publication of the Fort Wayne Radio Club, the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society, and the Fort Wayne DX Association.

Articles are written by members and friends of the three clubs. New submissions for HamNews are always welcome. Please send your information to the editor within two days of the end of the month for inclusion in the next edition.

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First Skywarn activity of 2025 occurs in March

Jay Farlow, W9LW

We were only halfway through March when the Allen County Skywarn net became operational for the first time in 2025.

March 15 early morning

Early the morning of Friday, March 14, the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center (SPC) issued a convective outlook that indicated an elevated risk of severe thunderstorms in Allen County between 8 a.m. that morning and 8 a.m. Saturday, March 15. SPC issued an updated version of the outlook at 9 a.m. that added a probability of tornadoes for Allen County.

At 1:15 a.m. Saturday, SPC issued a severe thunderstorm watch that included Allen County. SPC indicated in the watch text that the primary possible hazards were scattered damaging wind gusts to 70 mph, scattered large hail to 1 inch in diameter and a tornado or two.

At 4:16 a.m. Saturday, the Northern Indiana National Weather Service office (IWX) issued a severe thunderstorm warning for western Allen County and parts of seven other nearby counties. The warning included a “tornado possible” tag and indicated that damaging, straight-line wind gusts of 60 mph were possible.

Chad Beach, W9GGA, placed the ACARTS 146.88 MHz repeater into Skywarn standby mode three minutes later. In standby mode, a Skywarn net control station is available to handle spotter reports, but the repeater remains available for normal amateur radio communications.

The severe thunderstorm warning expired at 4:45 a.m. and Chad discontinued standby mode operation at 4:56 a.m. During the operation, the following stations checked in, but none made any spotter reports: KD9QHI, KE9IWX, N9WNH, W2TAZ and W9LW.

IWX removed Allen County from the severe thunderstorm watch at 6:17 a.m.

March 15 afternoon

A convective outlook that SPC issued for the period between 8 a.m. March 15 and 8 a.m. March 16 continued to indicate a risk of tornadoes and severe thunderstorms in Allen County.

At 3:48 p.m. Saturday afternoon, IWX issued a severe thunderstorm warning for northwestern Allen County and parts of three other counties. The warning indicated that 60 mph wind gusts and quarter size hail were possible. Jay Farlow, W9LW, placed the repeater in standby mode at 3:56 p.m. Jerry Etnier, KD9QHI took over net control station duties two minutes later.

At 4:05, Dan Dahms, N9WNH, reported a wall cloud near the intersection of Washington Center Road and Goshen Road.

The warning for Allen County expired at 4:15 p.m. By the time Jerry discontinued the standby mode operation at 4:23 p.m. the following additional stations had checked in: AC9XS, K4OWX, K9BAT, KB9JR, KB9WWM, KD9AVB, KD9LFW, KD9RAF, KD9ZDW, KD9ZFP, KE9BMW, KE9CTG, N9PAP, N9WNH, W9KMH, and WB9TYJ.

March 19

The action continued Wednesday, March 19. SPC issued a convective outlook that morning that indicated elevated probabilities between 8 a.m. that day and 8 a.m. March 20 of all three severe hazards: tornado, damaging straight-line wind, and large hail.

At 6:55 p.m., SPC issued a severe thunderstorm watch that included Allen County. W9GGA initiated standby mode at that time.

At 8:39 p.m., IWX issued a se-

issued a severe thunderstorm warning for west central Allen County and parts of six other counties. At 8:41 p.m., IWX issued a severe thunderstorm warning for southwestern Allen County and parts of four other counties. Both warnings included a “tornado possible” tag and indicated 60 mph wind gusts and penny size hail were possible.

At 8:49 p.m., Jim Moehring, KB9WWM relieved Chad as net control station operator.

Both severe thunderstorm warnings for Allen County expired at 9:15 p.m. but the severe thunderstorm watch remained in effect.

KD9QHI took over net control duties at 10:03 p.m.

At 10:44 p.m., IWX issued a special weather statement that indicated strong thunderstorms with wind gusts of up to 50 mph would impact Allen County. The National Weather Service often issues special weather statements about strong storms that don’t meet severe criteria.

At 10:51 p.m., N9WNH and Jackson Wingeier, W2TAZ reported pea-sized hail in Columbia City.

At 11:04 p.m., Wilinetta Tucker-Hall, KD9ZFP reported pea-sized hail in the Aboite Township area of southwestern Allen County.

At 11:48 p.m., Jerry discontinued standby mode. During nearly five hours the repeater was in standby mode, the following additional stations checked in: K9BAT, KA9IPA, KB9JR, KC9PVE, KC9SJP, KD9NYY, N9PAP, NT9F, W9KMH, and W9YME.

IWX removed Allen County from the severe thunderstorm watch at 11:50 p.m.

We had another great month in **March** on the Little Red Barn Net (LRBN) which meets on Monday thru Friday at 9:00am on 3.820 MHz LSB. We have about 10 to 15 check-ins per day (80m has been bad), with self-generated topics each day by the check-ins. A lot of fun.

Also, we have a lunch every two weeks alternating from north Fort Wayne to south Fort Wayne. We usually have 10 to 15 participants at each lunch.

We had several lunches in March on 3/13 at Big Eyed Fish and on 3/27 at Salvatore’s. It’s always a great time to eat and socialize with friends.

The next upcoming lunch dates are 4/10, 4/24, and 5/8 at 11:30am on each date. Please join us!

If you want to be on the LRBN email list, let me know at gmrepair1(at)aol.com, or message me at 260-437-4676 with your email and call sign or name.

Net control operators are also follows: Monday KU8T Tom, Tuesday K9FW Al, Wednesday KD9HAV Norm, Thursday KE9IWX Jim, and Friday WB9TYJ Don. Friday includes Amateur Radio Newsline after the net.

We have a web page at https://gmrepair1.wixsite.com/mobile that works with mobile and desktop browsers. The page includes lunch information (times & dates), pictures of previous lunches, and other information.

Also we have groups.io/g/lrbn, but you will need to sign up. This is where we vote for the next lunch. Let me know if you need help.

Also, our net controls use Netlogger. You may download the program at the Download Center (netlogger.org). Also, for smartphones, there is Net Scraper. On, the Android go to Play Store, and on iPhone, go to App Store and download this app.

73, KU8T Tom

ARRL VEC

IN PERSON!

VE SESSION

May 3rd

Get your first ham radio license or upgrade!

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 10AM-NOON

CUNNINGHAM BUSINESS CENTER
INDIANA TECH
CORNER OF MAUMEE & ANTHONY AVES.
FORT WAYNE

- Preregistration preferred; walk-ins accepted.
- Testing will conclude by noon.
- Cost: $15 ($5 for less than 18 years old); fees covered for first-time applicants!
- For more information, please contact Josh, W9HT at drjoshlong (at) gmail.com or 260-749-9851.

Attention All Future Brass Pounders (and others who would like to learn or practice morse code)!

The Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association, Fort Wayne Radio Club and the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society (ACARTS) are sponsoring a Morse Code Class. The class will be held at the Comfort Suites at 1137 W 15th St in Auburn Indiana. The classes will be held February 18 **through April 15** on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. We will have practice code oscillators. We will be using the LCWO.net learning system. Everyone should use it to practice on-line between classes. This is a joint effort of the Allen and DeKalb County ham clubs to promote CW on the ham bands.

For more information contact KB9QG, Jeff at: jdeluce (at) frontier.com or go to the W9OU.org website.

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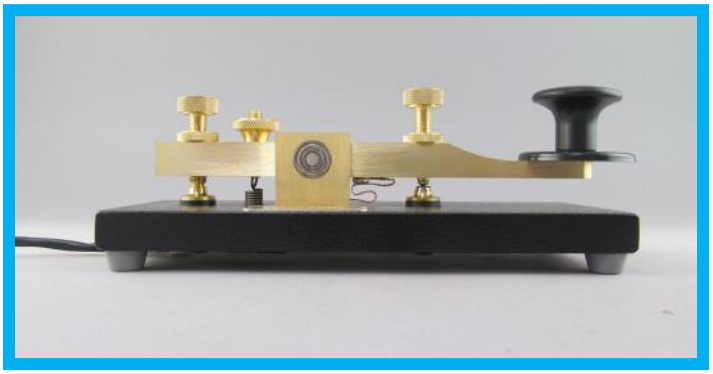
Come to the class and learn what that means!

73,

Bruce, N9DGL



Local SKCC Straight Key Century Club News

Summary for March 2025

Operating activities during the month of March follow.

The SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (WES) aims to bring together operators with different skill levels in a regularly scheduled, informal operating event lasting 36 hours. The event starts at 1200 UTC on the 2nd Saturday of each month and ends at 2359 UTC on Sunday. Participants can operate for the full 36 hours.

For the WES on March 8 & 9, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown:

AC9XS 92
W9GOO 48
W9SA 43
WB9TYJ 14
N9DGL 2
WD9IKW 2
W9HT 1

The two-hour Straight Key Sprint (SKS) occurs on the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 0000 UTC. For Indiana operators the start is on Tuesday evening.

For the SKS on Tuesday evening, March 25, 7-9 PM local, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown:

NJ0U 47
WA9BBN 37
W9HT 25
AC9XS 16
K9FMX 14

Catch you on the air in April and 73!

Ed, WA9BBN

Hamsplatter

Fort Wayne Radio Club P.O. Box15127, Fort Wayne, IN

Welcome to the start of spring, though you would have never guessed by the weather. It has been a little chilly for April. Hopefully the weather will turn for the best soon.

Speaking of the weather, you can participate in Skywarn during weather events. It takes place on the 88 repeater. Contact one of the Skywarn leads before severe weather to be prepared. You can also listen to get an idea of the weather on the way. This was helpful over the final March weekend when we had some thunderstorms.

With better weather comes the outdoors. Field Day will be here soon. If you wish to participate, contact one of the officers/board members. It is also time to dust off the radio and get in some practice making contacts before Field Day. Scuba divers have a saying, "More important than gear is training. More important than training is experience. Money buys gear and training, but not experience."

We are looking for people to give talks over radio topics for the general club meeting. If you have a topic that you want to talk about, know someone, or have a suggestion for a topic, let me know and I'll get you on the books.

Finally, the general meetings are moving. We will be at the Red Cross. Let everyone know so they can make it to the new location. We don't want anyone to miss the meetings due to being at the wrong location.

If you have any suggestions or feedback, let me know at kd9nrt (at)gmail.com. Your feedback is essential to moving the club forward. While I don't respond to every email, I do read them all

73,

Adam, KD9NRT

NEXT FWRC MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 11
6:30PM

RED CROSS CHAPTER
EVERYONE WELCOME!

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ELMER CORPS OF THE FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB: TIME TO GO LIVE!

ELMER ("MENTOR") BOARD

Do you need help with some area of ham radio?

The Fort Wayne Radio Club's "Elmer Corps" is ready to go live now! If you or anyone you know has the following needs, please contact us:

- A person that wants to get their Amateur Radio License and needs help
- A person who just got their Amateur Radio License and has questions
- A Ham with a License that wants to upgrade
- A seasoned Ham who needs help exploring part of the hobby that is new to them.

Here is a list of the main topics the Elmer Corps can help with. If you think of any that we need to add, please contact the FWRC BOD. Also, if you feel you can contribute support with any of these, please contact the BOD.

Main topics include:

- General questions: what is Ham Radio; how do I get started; etc.
- Safety questions (electrical and mechanical)
- Technical questions & classes
- Help with learning Morse Code
- Help with digital modes
- Antenna and Station planning
- Antennas, towers, and stealth antennas
- Buying new or used equipment and equipment repair
- Understanding and operating your equipment
- DX and contesting
- Fox Hunting and radio direction finding
- Club and ARRL activities
- Using test equipment
- Understanding how electronic circuits and components work
- Community Service / ARES / RACES / SKYWARN

Here is our current matrix of elmers:

- W9SAN, Steve Nardin
- N9PAP, Dan Ungemach
- KD9QHI, Jerry Etnier
- WB9TYJ, Don
- K9LA, Carl Luetzelschwab
- W9SA, Bill Anders
- K9OL, Carlos Felix
- AC9XS, Stephen Clower

How to get started? Contact Steve, W9SAN (at) yahoo.com for more details!

73,

Steve, W9SAN

CQ INQP CQ INQP

On May the third the Hoosier DX and Contest Club will hold its annual INDIANA QSO PARTY. This is an on the air contest held on the first Saturday of May and involves the use of SSB and CW signals only on the traditional HF contest bands, 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. To make this a target rich environment, the New England (6 states), the "7" land (8 states) and Delaware QSO parties also coincide on this date, so we can work them and they can work us. The object is to work as many IN counties as possible as well as many other ARRL and RAC sections as possible and DX is OK as well.

If you operate, keep an electronic log and please submit it to the HDXCC and mark your club affiliation as "FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB" (NOT the abbreviation 'FWRC') . You do not have to be a member to support the club (they don't check this out; if you suppor the club that is fine!)

Go to the HDXCC.ORG website to read the rules. Also, if you intend to operate please contact Tim at TIMK9WX (a)GMAIL.COM and tell him what county(s) you are operating in so you can be added to the activity map!

But, wait, there is a new twist this year! The Northeast Indiana Amateur Radio Association has stated their intent to also do a club affiliation challenge to FWRC this year! Now you should know that the last four years in a row, the FWRC has easily swept the INQP and we intend to do it again! We have won the TOP CLUB for 7 times now, more than any other Indiana club, so we are not going down without a fight!

So stay tuned for more information on the INQP!

North Central Indiana Hamfest

Discover the World of Amateur Radio!

When: Saturday, April 26th, 2025

Location: Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds
1029 W. 200 North Peru, IN 46970

Time: 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM (EST)

Cost: General Admissions
$7.00 EA (12 & Under FREE)
Vendor Tables
$10.00 EA
(includes 1 general admission)

TESTING BY N9RM (W5WI Licensing Services)

Time: 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM
Cost: $14.00 Register on our web site

Award Card Checking Available!
Two ARRL representatives
will be on-site to check QSL cards
for DXCC, VUCC, WAS, WAC &
more.

FORUMS

POTA(Parks On The Air) - 9:30 AM- 10:30 AM
National Weather Service Seminar - 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM
Registration is strongly recommended due to limited seating for NWS Seminar. Visit our web site!

For Event Updates

please visit our web site using the QRcode or weblink below.
Questions regarding General Information, Event Details, Camping,
Prizes & Vendor Registration please visit our contact page.

ncihamfest.com

State of the Arts

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN

Spring is here and what comes with that is good and bad. Indiana's version of spring weather one minute it is sunny and 70 degrees and the next day it is 25 degrees and snowing.

You never know what to expect so you have to be prepared, that includes the potential for severe weather.

I want to commend all those that participate with the SKYWARN program and especially those that serve as Net Control Stations (NCS).

With government budget or staff reductions and the fact that radar cannot always indicate what is actually occurring. Your ground reports are vital. It is amazing how much severe weather and associated damages occur that are not reported in a timely manner to the NWS for forecast and warning purposes by the general public. Technology is a great with the availability of mobile pics and video but to often it ends up being only an after the fact report more for social media purposes.

As a reminder the scheduled seasonal Allen Co. SKYWARN Training Net will begin once again on Wednesday April 2nd at 8 PM. I believe the thought is to provide the training Net on an every other week basis, this is a change from last year. This is a training Net to enhance your skills and share your experiences in a round table setting. A Training Net Control Station will host the net with some information and over the air practice. Again this is a scheduled training net.

Whether it be the scheduled Training Net or an actual live SKYWARN net which occur as needed for Allen County, tune to the ACARTS 146.88/146.28 W9INX Repeater PL 141.3.

ACARTS has finally got through an unexpected software key problem with both our new Kenwood repeaters. They are both programmed now and we are awaiting the delivery of a Crescend Power Amplifier for the new Kenwood NXR-1700 146.880/146.280 W9INX VHF Repeater. The repeater itself is limited to constant duty of 25 watts and therefore an amplifier is needed. There is normal loss going through the duplexer itself and out the 600' of 7/8" heliax that feeds the antenna at 575' mark. We would like to replace the current antenna but we are on hold on that issue for now. Once the new VHF amplifier arrives we will switch over to using the new repeater.

At this time, we are delaying the purchase of a UHF Power Amplifier for the new Kenwood NXR-1800 443.800/448.800 UHF Repeater. Primarily because of costs and the need of an additional site. The site issue is because of current antenna/feedline restrictions

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at our high profile site and that we chose to enable a UHFGMRS Repeater in its place for the time being.

So the 443.800/448.800 W9INX Repeater will be the off the air temporarily and moved to a lower profile site soon for the interim.

In its place the ACARTS GMRS Repeater WRDC557 using 462.675/467.675 PL 141.3 at 575' is being utilized. We have some audio quality issues and a few sub level operational mode problems that need to be addressed that we weren't having before. But it is operational but give us some time to improve on it.

There is an ACARTS GMRS Informational Meeting on Saturday April 5th at 2 PM at the American Red Cross NE Chapter 1212 E. California Rd in Fort Wayne. Anyone that is GMRS licensee, wants to know how to apply for a GMRS license or has interest in or wants to know the differences in the Amateur, FRS, GMRS or MURS radio services please attend. We will be providing the specific information about the ACARTS GMRS Repeater as well. This is open to the public. There will be some Amateur Radio/FRS/GMRS HT's available for sale as well.

73,

Dan M. Dahms N9WNH / WRDC 557

ACARTS President

Next ACARTS meeting

Tuesday, April 15th at 7pm

Red Cross Chapter 1212 E. California Rd. or join virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Everyone is welcome!

Northeast Indiana
ACARTS VHF/UHF Simplex Contest

April 19th - 7:00pm-10:00pm

(Sponsored by the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society Inc.)

Purpose

• To promote FM Simplex operation.
• To provide a local, fun, fast contest with equipment most hams already own.

When

• Saturday, April 19th 2025, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM EDT. The contest is open to all radio amateurs.
This contest is designed for hams to have fun over a short period. You don't need to devote an entire weekend, just an enjoyable Saturday evening. So, get a cup of hot chocolate, a comfortable chair, and sit down for a few hours to see who is on the air. There will be some rovers running around during the full contest period to keep activity going the entire time.

General Rules

• Only mode allowed is FM phone simplex on the 2-meter, 1.25-meter, 70 cm bands.
  2-meter Simplex 146.40 – 146.595, 147.405 – 147.585 15kHz spacing
  1.25-meter Simplex 223.40 – 223.52 20kHz spacing.
  70cm Simplex 445.9125 – 446.175 12.5kHz spacing.
• No contacts on calling frequencies. (146.52, 223.50, 446.00)
• Teams are permitted, but only one transmitter is allowed to operate at any one time.
• No repeater contacts, satellite, or EME, please stay on FM simplex frequencies. Stations can only be worked once per band. Rovers and portables can be worked again when they have moved to a different township.
• No cross-band, no split frequency contacts.
• Pre-arranging contacts by use of repeaters, telephones, or otherwise is not allowed, nor in the spirit of the contest. Requesting a move to another band during a contact is allowed.

Rover & Park Activation Special Rules

• Rovers are not allowed to drive and operate simultaneously. A solo rover must be stationary to operate. A rover team may operate while moving if one team member is designated as the driver and the driver does not operate the radio while moving.
• Rovers and portables cannot straddle township lines, only one township may be given during each contact. Rover and portable stations must remain in a township a minimum of 15 minutes.
• For Park Activation, you must operate within the park limits. To consider the park activated, three contacts must be logged to get park activation multiplier.

Operating Classes

• Base
• Rover
• Park Activation

Portable - Limited to 5W, with transceiver mounted antenna
1st Place in each class will receive a certificate and bragging rights.

Exchange

Call sign, your sequential contact number, township, and county.
Note: You should not use a separate set of sequential numbers for each band. Start at the beginning of the contest and keep going in order even if you change bands.

Sample Contact Exchanges

KB9JDL this is K9FFF - Please copy Number 3, Jefferson Township, Noble County
K9FFF this is KB9JDL Rover - Please copy Number 13, Milan Township, Allen County

Scoring

1 point per contact
Multiplier is the number of unique townships contacted.
For Rovers/Portables and Park Activations, multiplier is the number of unique townships/parks activated contacted plus the number of townships/ parks activated. Final score = multiplier X contact points.

Log Format

Heading: Your name, call sign, operating category, & phone # or e-mail
Listing of contacts to include;
Your contact number, contact time (local 24:00), their call sign, band, township, and county.
NOTE: For rovers and portables, include your township at time of contact, noting what county as well since some townships in different counties have the same name.
Logs may be submitted in any text format that you choose. Spreadsheets are nice, handwritten legible lists are just as acceptable.

Entry Deadline

All logs, either paper or electronic should be received by May 17, 2025. Make sure to include your name, call sign, and contact information (either phone or e-mail).
Send to; ACARTS FM Simplex Contest, PO Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN 46851
OR email to: cm@acarts.com
Winners will be announced at the May 20, 2025 ACARTS club meeting and contacted via e-mail or phone.

Questions

Contact Stuart Hall (KD9LFW), ACARTS Community Manager, cm@acarts.com

ACARTS VHF/UHF Simplex Contest

Operator:_____ Callsign:_____

Category: Base / Portable / Rover

QSO #	Time (local 24:00)	Callsign	Band (circle one)	Township (w/ county)	Comments (rover township Park)
			2m 1.25m 70cm		
			2m 1.25m 70cm		
			2m 1.25m 70cm		

Park Type	Park Name	Park #
City Park	Bloomingdale Park E & W	FW-01
City Park	Bob Arnold Northside Park	FW-02
City Park	Brewer Park	FW-03
City Park	Buckner Farm Park	FW-04
City Park	Camp Allen Park	FW-05
City Park	Daryl B. Cobin Memorial Park	FW-06
City Park	Casselwood Park	FW-07
City Park	East Central Park	FW-08
City Park	East Swinney Park	FW-09
City Park	Foster Park	FW-10
City Park	Franke Park	FW-11
City Park	Gren Park	FW-12
City Park	Guildin Park	FW-13
City Park	Hamilton Park	FW-14
City Park	Hanna Homestead Park	FW-15
City Park	Harrison Square - Meyers Park	FW-16
City Park	Headwaters Park	FW-17
City Park	Historic Old Fort	FW-18
City Park	Homestead Road Park	FW-19
City Park	Hurshtown Reservoir	FW-20
City Park	Indian Village (Sears) Park	FW-21
City Park	Jehl Park	FW-22
City Park	Johnny Appleseed Park	FW-23
City Park	John Street Park	FW-24
City Park	Kettler Park	FW-25
City Park	Klug Park	FW-26
City Park	Kreager Park	FW-27
City Park	Lafayette Park	FW-28
City Park	Lakeside Park	FW-29
City Park	Lawton Park	FW-30
City Park	Lindenwood Nature Preserve	FW-31
City Park	Lions Park	FW-32
City Park	McCormick Park	FW-33
City Park	McCulloch Park	FW-34
City Park	McMillen Park	FW-35
City Park	Memorial Park	FW-36
City Park	Moody Park	FW-37
City Park	Noll Park	FW-38
City Park	Nuckol's Memorial Park	FW-39
City Park	Old Fort Park	FW-40

City Park	Orff Park	FW-41
City Park	Packard Park	FW-42
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City Park	Rea Park	FW-44
City Park	Reservoir Park	FW-45
City Park	Rockhill Park	FW-46
City Park	Roosevelt Park	FW-47
City Park	Rudisill/Fairfield Park	FW-48
City Park	Salomon Homestead Park	FW-49
City Park	Shoaff Park	FW-50
City Park	Study Park	FW-51
City Park	Tillman Park	FW-52
City Park	Vesey Park	FW-53
City Park	Waynedale Park	FW-54
City Park	Weisser Park	FW-55
City Park	Wells Street Park	FW-56
City Park	West Swinney Park	FW-57
City Park	Zeis Park	FW-58
City Park	Rivergeenway	FW-59
County Park/Nature Preserve	Fox Island	AC-01
County Park/Nature Preserve	Metea Park	AC-02
County Park/Nature Preserve	Payton Park	AC-03
County Park/Nature Preserve	Cook's Landing	AC-04
County Park/Nature Preserve	Allen County Hanauer Reserve	AC-05
County Park/Nature Preserve	Deer Run Wilderness Area	AC-06
County Park/Nature Preserve	Bicentennial Woods	AC-07
County Park/Nature Preserve	Blue Cast Springs	AC-08
County Park/Nature Preserve	Fogwell Forest	AC-09
County Park/Nature Preserve	Fox Fire Woods	AC-10
County Park/Nature Preserve	Maumee River Overlook	AC-11

County Park/Nature Preserve	McNabb-Walter Nature Preserve	AC-12
County Park/Nature Preserve	Mengerson Nature Preserve	AC-13
County Park/Nature Preserve	Spring Lake Woods and Bog	AC-14
County Park/Nature Preserve	Dustin/Johnson/Whitehurst Nature Preserves	AC-15
County Park/Nature Preserve	Vandolah Nature Preserve	AC-16

Northeast Indiana Townships By County

Making Some QRP QSOs on 10-Meters in ARRL DX SSB

BY CARL LUETZELSCHWAB, K9LA

When the ARRL International SSB DX contest came around last month on March 1 and 2, I thought about jumping in Friday night after NCS duties on QIN and being the QIN representative to 9RN a little later in the evening. But my interest in the contest waned after those duties, so I didn't make any QSOs Friday evening.

Saturday was devoted to troubleshooting my very old Kenwood TR-9000 all-mode 2-meter transceiver. All the segments on the 5-digit LED display would light up when I turned the unit 'on', and thus I couldn't read the frequency. I spent much time taking the TR-9000 apart to get to the display board. Re-soldering the wires didn't help, thus I have more work to do. After this effort, QIN and 9RN duties were the priority on Saturday evening – no contesting again.

While trying to find the TR-9000 Saturday morning in my pile of equipment, I ran across my homebrew 10-meter QRP transceiver that I built in 1989 (see Figure 1). It is double sideband as I didn't want the expense of a crystal filter. It only covers 60 KHz of 10-meters (28420 KHz to 28480 KHz). The receiver is a direct conversion design. The transmit output power is 1 Watt PEP – thus the upper sideband (the one used on 10-meters) is 250 milliWatts (0.25 Watts) and the lower sideband (which isn't used) is also 250 milliWatts.

Figure 1

I got on 10-meters later Sunday morning with the QRP transceiver, and managed to work three French stations (TM1C, TM0T and TM6M) and two Polish stations (SP8R and SO9I) in the morning (1400-1600 UTC) and a Brazil station (PT5J) in the afternoon (1800 UTC). I have to admit I was surprised to work these stations, as I thought their QRM would make it very difficult to hear my 250 milliWatt signal. Of course it helped a bit that I was using my Tennadyne T6 log-periodic antenna at 40 feet. After working those stations, I

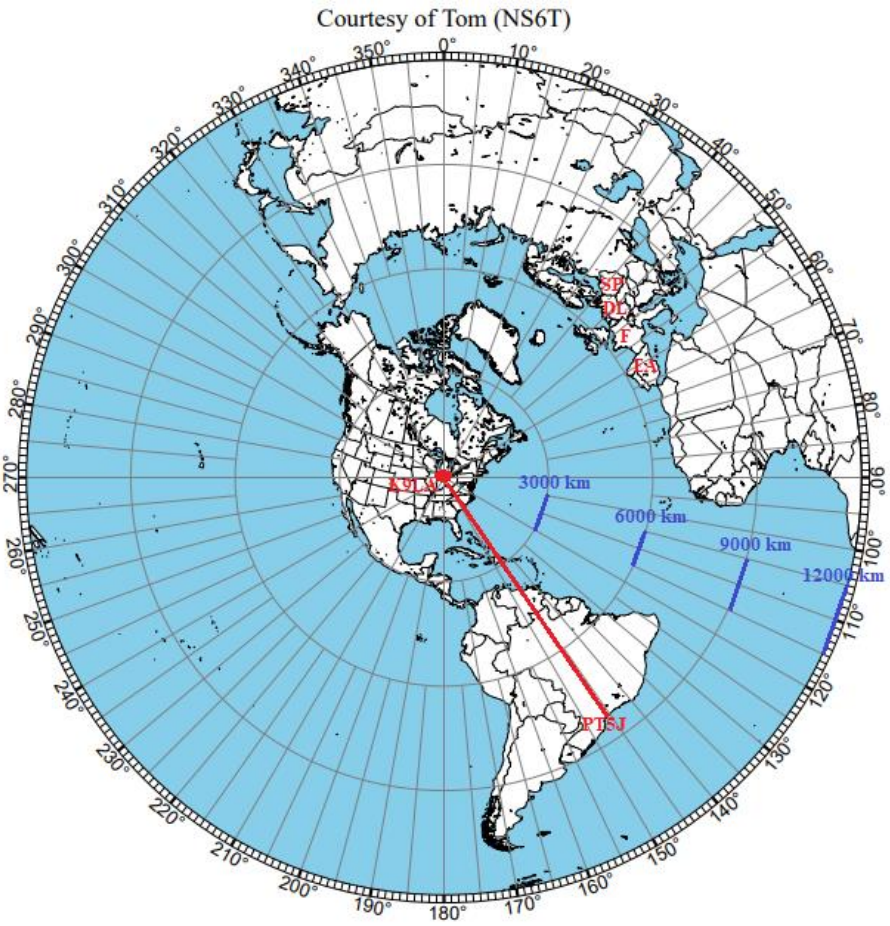

Figure 2

switched to my Ten-Tec OMNI VI Plus at 100 Watts for the remainder of the contest on 10-meters, 15-meters and 20-meters – I had much more fun with my signal being 26 dB stronger signal than the QRP rig.

After the contest I wondered why I worked France, Poland and Brazil, but not any of the other many countries that were on. All six of the stations I worked seemed to have the strongest signals. How much did propagation have to do with this?

Using VOACAP, nothing stands out propagation-wise as to why I worked the French and Polish stations and no other nearby countries (like Germany and Spain). The propagation mode for the French, Polish, German and Spanish stations would be two F2 hops at very low elevation angles. There is no other mode, as a higher elevation angle for three hops would go through the ionosphere. I suspect the issue was mostly site parameters – how much was their noise, how was QRM at the time and how well did their antenna cover the very low angles. It probably helped that the ground reflection for this two-hop path was over sea water.

As for the Brazil QSO, that one may be easier to understand. Figure 2 is an azimuthal map with K9LA at the center. It shows the path to PT5J at 8511 km. If you're a 6-meter operator, you'll recognize that this path could take advantage of TEP (trans-equatorial propagation). The chordal hop across the geomagnetic equator would save loss from one ground reflection and loss from two transits through the D region. These may not be big savings, but when you're running 250 milli-Watts, every dB counts.

In summary, I had fun with my QRP transceiver. I even have some ideas for improvements – another power amplifier stage for more output power and more tuning range. That may be down the road a bit, as I need to get back to the TR-9000 problem.

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Allen County ARES Emergency Communications Drill

May 3rd at 10:00am

Purpose: To determine our ability to deploy and communicate in various methods under difficult conditions. The goal is to learn and improve.

More details in next month's edition of the Allen County HamNews.

Hello my fellow radio bugs. Welcome to April and another edition of the HamNews! April showers bring May flowers (and the Indiana QSO Party), but this month's column is bringing some numbers to the timeless discussion about amateur radio and its growth (or decline).

As the world experiences increased technological growth, the telecommunications industry seems to expand practically every year. Smart phones of today are practically more powerful than laptops and desktop computers built only a few years ago. New launches by SpaceX have made satellite-based internet access practically commonplace.

So what about ham radio? Are people still interested in getting a ham radio license and joining the hobby? Are people leaving the hobby?

I think the answer to those questions can be best answered by looking at hard-core statistics documenting the number of radio amateurs in the US.

In 2011, the ARRL issued a news release that lists the number of radio amateurs in the United States by decade, starting in 1971. I've reproduced that data in Table 1

Year	Number of Amateur Radio Operators in the US	Percentage Ham Radio Population Was of US Population
1971	285,000	0.14%
1981	433,000	0.19%
1991	494,000	0.20%
2001	683,000	0.24%
2011	700,221	0.23%
2021	780,000*	0.24%

Table 1

*Number qualified by 2021 ARRL News release as total number of licenses, but "not necessarily licensees."

Let's put the above numbers into perspective. The highest number of amateur radio operators recorded (at least that I can find) was 769,500+ as reported in the ARRL's Annual Report of 2022. This means that, for the over 100 year existence of the ARRL, there has never been more than about 800,000 (usually less) amateur radio operators in the United States at any given time.

Let's take a look at the numbers of amateur radio operators as compared to the population of the US. Between 1970 and 2020, the US' population rose from approximately 203 million to 331 million people. That's an increase of nearly 130 million people. However, in that time of population growth, the amateur radio population actually increased nearly one tenth of a percent of the US population, from 0.14% to 0.24%.

The above statistics come to an interesting conclusion. The amateur radio population has, in effect, either grown or remained at a steady quarter of a percentage of the overall US population for over 50 years (1970-2020).

The question then becomes this: Why do people continue to become licensed amateur radio operators when other forms of radio communication technology have become so commonplace, and even, necessary?

I don't believe one can find a single, cohesive answer to the above question. Any answers will include a variety of factors and reasons that explain how or why someone becomes an amateur radio operator. However, I will speculate as to two reasons for why amateur radio remains popular today in a digital world.

One thought I would suggest is that amateur radio offers something that other methods of communication lack – independence. When someone has an amateur radio station, they are not limited by data rates, internet speed, or monthly charges. If I want to communicate with someone (assuming they can hear me), I simply turn on my radio set, plug in my mic or cw paddles or computer, and start

communicating. It's as simple as that. No fuss, no feathers.

That level of simplicity – hit the ptt switch and begin communicating without needing to go through an intermediary service provider – is unlike any other method of communication on the face of the earth (bar talking in person). It's simple, it's easy, and it can be by anyone with almost any kind of equipment imaginable, all at the cost of the initial station and some electricity to supply the juice to the radio.

Perhaps though the bigger reason amateur radio continues to be popular is its harnessing of a basic human trait – curiosity. What other hobby offers the level of privileges, operating opportunities, self-training and regulation as offered by amateur radio? Is there any other hobby where one can forge strong, lifelong friendships with people across the globe without using the internet and social media? How many hobbies can count missionaries, doctors, royalty, musicians, astronauts, professors, factory workers, and service repairmen among their ranks, all active and enjoying talking to one another on a daily basis? Ham radio both satisfies and encourages the human drive to explore and learn. I doubt that any other forms of communication, including social media, could provide so varied or widespread an opportunity to explore and investigate than amateur radio.

Although the above thoughts are only speculation, I do think that the numbers and statistics we see of the amateur radio population prove the point – that amateur radio is alive and well and continues to draw members into the hobby. That's good news not only for the ham radio world, but for the rest of the globe as well.

For those interested, please check out the following links for additional info about the population numbers within amateur radio as well as US population statistics.

https://www.arrl.org/news/data-on-number-of-radio-amateurs-worldwide-needs-updating

https://www.arrl.org/files/file/About%20ARRL/Annual%20Reports/2022%20Annual%20Report%20ARRL%20AR2022%20072023C.pdf

https://www.arrl.org/news/us-amateurs-now-700-000-strong

https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/dec/popchange-data-text.html

73 es good dx! Jim AC9EZ

Radioactive!

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2025

The March meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held on March 14th, 2025. It occurred at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church starting at 6:30 pm. It was hosted by club President Adam Warrix, KD9NRT; there were about 30 attendees.

Adam led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and invited all present to introduce themselves with their name and call-sign.

Bob Streeter, W8ST provided the Treasurer report as of 14 March as follows:

Checking account balance	$4,024.54
Savings account balance	$505.80
Vanguard Fund balance	$28,374.16
Y-T-D Income	$425.00
Y-T-D Expenses	300.00
Current Club membership	125

Adam announced that the FWRC meeting location is moving from the GSUMC to the Red Cross building on California Rd. starting with the regular April (11th) meeting. Board meetings are relocating to the Red Cross facilities too.

Steve Nardin, W9SAN commented that the Toledo Hamfest will occur on Sunday, March 16th at the Owens Community College in Perrysburg, Ohio. There will be a group photo of Allen County hams attending taken at 11:30 am on the north side of the gym.

Adam noted that we are still looking for a suitable Field Day site other than the Old Fort. Several alternatives are being looked at a Poe, Indiana site and also a site near Woodburn.

Steve Nardin reminded everyone that the Indiana QSO party would occur during the first Saturday in May from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm. The FWRC has been very successful in this contest, winding up as the top Indiana club seven times running.

Adam addressed the formation of the Elmer Corps. It was in work for about one year and was a result, in part, of many e-mails he had received asking" How do I do this?" questions related to ham radio. So a list of categories of interest was compiled and a number of local hams to include Steve Nardin, Carlos Ortiz, Dan Ungemach, Adam Warrix, Carl Lutzelschwab, Stuart Hall and a number of others volunteered to serve in the Elmer Corps. Several of these people were in attendance at the meeting and introduced themselves.

Some of the areas where the Elmer Corps can provide help include Help with CW operating, Operating in Digital modes such as FT8 and Fusion, Repeater etiquette, Antenna and Station planning, Stealth operating, New and Used equipment pointers, Equipment repair, EMI control, Understanding and Operating equipment, DX and Contesting, Foxhunting and RDF, Club and ARRL activities, Using Test Equipment, Community Service, ARES, Skywarn and RACES, Tower work and a number of other subjects. Stay tuned as this program expands, and consider volunteering your particular expertise.

Willi Tucker-Hall, KD9ZFP stated that the VE Testing program continues. The next testing session will occur on May 3rd at Indiana Tech. She needs a few more volunteers to help manage the testing sessions.

The meeting concluded at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke,

WB9SSE

Secretary, FWRC

This section of the Allen County HamNews is available for local hams to list any ham radio related gear for sale or to place any ham radio related want ads.

Listings are posted for one month, but can be renewed upon request of the editor.

Please see page two for contact information.

"Tek 7704A O-scope with (4) plugins. The mainframe is good for at least a 200 MHz BW. It will come with a pair of 7A26A dual channel plugins (200 MHz BW) and a pair of dual-channel 500 MHz BW 7B92A delayed trace capable horizontal plugins. It is very clean but assume it will need all of the pots and selector switches etc given a shot of De-Oxit contact cleaner etc. It will also need a calibration as well since the last time it had one was probably 20 years ago. This was cherry picked by me for my own use and it has given me years of great lab use. Here is a very short video showing it is at least not DOA":

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgEX4qrTWFE

Asking $100 for the mainframe and $100 for the 4 plugins. Will not separate them. If anyone is interested, please e-mail me at w8bya(at)mchsi.com

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Icom IC-746pro HF/VHF transceiver. Includes hand microphone, DC power cord with power poles, manual, and interface cable for a Signalink (Signalink not included). Good operating and cosmetic condition. $475

Icom IC-2KL solid state HF amplifier. 160-15m. In good cosmetic and operating condition. $1000

For the IC-746pro and the IC-2KL, please contact Josh W9HT. Contact information is available on page 2 of the newsletter.

The Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association

AUBURN HAMFEST

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum

1600 S. Wayne St. Auburn, IN 46706

OPEN 9 AM TO 2 PM • TALK-IN: 147.015 (141.3) and LOAD-IN: 7 TO 9 AM

EARLY LOAD-IN FRIDAY, 2 TO 4 PM
(unless otherwise notified)

FREE Admission & Parking

6,000 SQ. FT. INDOOR DISPLAY SPACE

FREE Admission to the:

AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG MUSEUM

View an amazing collection of classic motor vehicles.

VE Testing at 10:00 AM

FOOD VENDOR
(at outside sales area)

NEED MORE INFO?
E-MAIL: auburnhamfest@w9ou.org

Indoor Vendor Tables: $10 ea.

Order online or by mail, info at www.w9ou.org

Outdoor Sales - Buy raffle ticket(s)

$5/ea space (buy 2, get 1 free)

Raffle Prizes:

1st- XIEGU G90 HF 20W SSB/CW/AM/FM

2nd- C3 Electronics Band Pass Filter
(C3 Electronics is an Auburn Hamfest vendor)

3rd- Yaesu FT65

4th- $50 Gift Certificate, DX Engineering

Raffle ticket Prices $5.00 ea - Buy 2, get 1 Free!

OPERATING EVENTS 2025
APRIL 5-6
LA, MS, & MO QSO PARTIES
APRIL 13
ARRL ROOKIE ROUNDUP, SSB
APRIL 19
ACARTS VHF/UHF FM SIMPLEX CONTEST
APRIL 19-20
CQMM DX CONTEST
APRIL 19-20
MI QSO PARTY
This information comes from the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at contestcalendar.com and is gratefully acknowledged. It is deemed accurate as of the time of publication.

Area Nets (updated as of 3/1/25)					
Daily			Tuesday		
8:00 AM	3.535	Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net	7:30 PM	147.150+	21 Repeater Group Net (97.4 PL)
8:30 AM	3.912	Daily Indiana Traffic Net	8:00 PM	50.580 USB	FWRC 6-Meter SSB Net
6:00 PM	3.910	Daily Indiana Traffic Net	9:00 PM	146.940-	Allen Co. ARES Training Net (141.3 PL)
6:30 PM	146.880-	IMO (alternate is 146.940)	Wednesday		
7:00 PM	147.015+	Tri State Two Meter Net	8:00 PM	145.270-	Whitley Co. ARES (141.3 PL)
8:00 PM	3.535	Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net	8:00 PM	50.580 FM	FWRC 6-Meter FM Net
Weekdays			Thursday		
9:00 AM	3.820	Little Red Barn Net (NewsLine on Friday after net)	8:00 PM	D-STAR	Indiana D-STAR net (Note 3)
Sunday			8:00 PM	50.580	AM 6-Meter AM Net
8:00 PM	444.550+	Whitley Co. ARC Sunday Night Net (141.3 PL)	8:30 PM	145.510 simplex	Allen County ARES Digital Operations Team Training Net (Note 4)
8:30 PM	146.910-	“No-Name” Net also on EchoLink Node number 519521	Saturday		
9:00 PM	145.53 simplex	Northeast Indiana Packet Net 1200 baud (Note 2)	8:00 PM	146.685-	Huntington ARES(141.3 PL)
Monday					
8:00 PM	224.780-	Fort Wayne 224 Net			

1. All times local time.

2. NEIPN is direct accessible via any BPQ Chat Node (or through Node hopping etc.) via other packet frequencies in this area and other areas through other nodes (it is locally direct accessible on 145.53 in NC & NE Indiana/NW Ohio and SE Michigan using KA9LCF-11, KC9VYU-11, N9LCF-11, N9PXO-11, K9BIF-11) Most BPQ Nodes use an SSID of -11.

3. Reflector REF024B.

4. Net starts using BPSK-31 and switches to BPSK-250 after roll call to pass traffic etc. NBEMS suite of software (FLDIGI, FLMSG, and FLAMP) is preferred.

5. Indiana HF Traffic Nets Web Site: http://www.inarrl.org/index.php/public-service/indiana-nts

6. Please note that this information is provided by the local amateur community—thank you! *If you see any information that is incorrect or out of date, please send any needed changes, additions, or corrections to the newsletter editor at drjoshlong (at) gmail.com.*

Allen County Area Voice Repeaters (updated as of 4/1/25)

RX freq.	RX access	TX freq.	TX access	mode	network	callsign	owner	use/nets
145.33000	141.3	144.73000	CSQ/141.3	FM analog		W9FEZ	Mizpah	
146.76000	141.3	146.16000	CSQ/141.3	FM analog		W9TE	FWRC	
146.88000	141.3	146.28000	CSQ/141.3	FM analog		W9INX	ACARTS	SKYWARN, Red Cross, IMO Traffic
146.91000	141.3	146.31000	CSQ/141.3	FM analog	EL 519521	W9TE	FWRC	Echolink, No Name Help & Swap Net
146.94000	141.3	146.34000	141.3	FM/C4FM	Not net-worked	W9TE	FWRC	ACARES
147.25500	141.3	147.85500	141.3	FM analog		W9INX	ACARTS	
224.78000	141.3	223.18000	CSQ	FM analog		W9FEZ	Mizpah	Ft. Wayne 220 Net
442.63750	CC1	447.63750	CC1	DMR	Brandmeister	N9MTF	N9MTF	ACARES DMR Net
442.99375	W9TE-B	447.99375	W9TE-B	D-STAR	D-STAR	W9TE	FWRC	
443.10000	CC1	448.10000	CC1	DMR	Crossroads	K9MMQ	K9MMQ	ACARES DMR Net
443.80000	141.3	448.30000	141.3	FM analog		W9INX	ACARTS	Red Cross
444.25000	141.3	449.25000	141.3	FM analog		W9AVW	W9AVW	
444.80000	CSQ	449.80000	CSQ	FM analog	IRLP 8177	W9FEZ	Mizpah	
444.87500	141.3	449.87500	141.3	FM analog		W9TE	FWRC	

Allen County GMRS voice repeater (updated as of 4/1/25)

RX freq.	RX access	TX freq.	TX access	mode	Special use	Nets	Callsign	Owner
462.675	141.3	467.675	141.3	WFM ana.	Red Cross	ACARTS GMRS Net	WRDC557	ACARTS

Allen County area data systems (updated as of 4/1/25)

RX freq.	RX access	TX freq.	TX access	mode	network	BBS/ MBX/ PBBS	owner	net alias	network node	KA-node	digipeater
144.39	141.3	144.39	CSQ	APRS	APRS	W9INX-1	ACARTS	INFW	W9INX-2	W9INX-7	W9INX-8
145.53	141.3	145.53	CSQ	packet	NEIPN	W9INX-1	ACARTS	INALEN	W9INX-6	W9INX-7	W9INX-8

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For more information on the ARRL Teachers Institute, please visit:

https://www.arrl.org/teachers-institute-on-wireless-technology

A fillable version of this form is also available at: https://new.acarts.com/forms/acarts-app.pdf

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society – W9INX
P.O. Box 10342
Email to: Sec@ACARTS.com or Tres@ACARTS.com Fort Wayne, IN 46851-0342

ACARTS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership applications can be sent via Email, Postal, or in person at a member/board meeting. Membership applications & payments via credit card can also be filed out directly online at https://www.Hamclubonline.com

New Member ☐Yes ☐No / Existing Member ☐Yes ☐No / Additional Household Members*: ☐Yes ☐No
Change in any contact information? ☐Yes ☐No **Attach additional membership forms for each family member*
Membership type: ☐ Full Member or ☐ Associate Member

Call Sign: _____ Class: _____

Are you a current **ARRL Member**? ☐Yes ☐No ARRL Expiration Date:_____

First Name: _____ Last Name:_____
Do you use a
Nickname: ☐Yes ☐No: If so, what is your Nickname: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Type: ☐Home ☐Cell ☐Work Publish*: ☐Yes ☐No

Phone Number: _____ Type: ☐Home ☐Cell ☐Work Publish*: ☐Yes ☐No

Email: _____ Publish*: ☐Yes ☐No
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	Quantity	**Total**
Full Membership $12 per calendar year (Jan 1 through Dec 31)	_____	$_____
Associate Membership* $6 per calendar year (Jan 1 through Dec 31)	_____	$_____

Additional Membership Names:_____

_____

Total Amount Paid: $_____

*Associate Memberships also include Licensed Household members, non-FCC licensed members and Students (under 18 YO).

ACARTS USE ONLY: Entered Date:_____ HCO Member #:_____ By:_____
Fees Paid: ☐ In Person/☐ Online via: ☐ Cash ☐ Check#_____ ☐ HCO/Square CC Trx#:_____
☐ Full Year/ ☐ Partial Year?_____ HCO Updated?_____ By:_____

FWRC Membership Application for 2025

Name:_____ Call Sign:_____
License Class:_____
Street address: _____ City:_____
State:_____ ZIP:_____._____ Phone #:(_____) _____
* Email address:_____
* (@arrl.net domain is unreliable. Please use an alternate email address if you have one).
ARRL Member? _____ (ARRL membership helps the club maintain ARRL affiliation)
May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster & on our club web site? Yes or No

Fort Wayne Radio Club dues:

Regular membership	$20.00 / year
Family membership[1]	$25.00 / year
Student membership[2]	$5.00 / year
Associate membership[3]	$15.00 / year

(Memberships for July-December are ½ the stated amounts)

Please attach a check to this form (paying by check is strongly encouraged) made out to:
Fort Wayne Radio Club (check number_____) and bring to a club meeting or mail to:
Fort Wayne Radio Club
P.O. Box 15127
Fort Wayne, IN 46885-5127

1: Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.
2: K-12 or full time student.
3: Unlicensed member.

40th Annual Columbus
HAMFEST
Sponsored by Columbus Amateur Radio Club
Saturday, April 5, 2025
8 a.m. to Noon
Adult General Admission $5.00
North High School Cafeteria
1400 25th Street
Columbus, IN 47201
Flea Market Space Available
All-Indoor Flea Market
Fee: $10 per 6 foot table (tables provided)
Set-up: 6 - 7:30 p.m. Friday or 6 a.m. Saturday
Registration: at the door or in advance
For registrations or more info, contact:
Mike Idlewine WE9MI | 4373 E. Windsor Lane | Columbus, IN 47201
idlewine@comcast.net | 812-521-6206
Please enclose SASE with advance exhibitor registration or general admission. Advance registrations must be prepaid and postmarked by 3/29/24. Make checks payable to: Columbus Amateur Radio Club
VE TESTING: 9 a.m - Noon
Provided by W9BCI VE Team
Pre-Register at least 24 hours in advance by email:
David Redding N9VDT | dave@n9vdt.com | 812-341-4202
Those with passing test scores will be entered into a drawing for a $100 DX Engineering gift certificate
Food and Beverages Available
BSA Troop 549
Free Parking
Hourly Door Prizes
Grand Prize: Icom ID-50a 5W Dual Band HT with D-STAR Radio (Cash awarded to non-amateur winner)

Don't forget to operate in this month's annual ACARTS VHF/UHF Simplex Contest on April 19th. Check out the details in the special section in the middle of this edition of the Allen County HamNews.

Don't miss out on the fun!